

TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520 Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

October 24, 2016

Attendees:

Mr. Michael Weise, Chairperson

Mr. Ken McFadden

Mr. Otis Sampson

Mr. Michael Brophy

Others:

Mr. Donald Richardson, Town Manager

Mrs. Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton

Excused:

Mr. Jeff Parks

Regular Park Board meeting brought to order by Mr. Weise. Upon motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Brophy and carried unanimously, minutes of the September 26, 2016 meeting were approved.

Mr. Donald Richardson, Town Manager for the Town of Easton was introduced to members of the Easton Park Board.

Items from the Director of Parks and Recreation and members of the Park Board:

- 1) Irrigation in the sports complex will be winterized in the next couple of weeks.
- Scheduled sports activities will be coming to a close in November. Fields will be vacant until spring. Staff will get work done on them while the weather is permitting.
- 3) Restrooms in Moton, Idlewild and the sports complex will be cleaned and winterized after WaterFowl weekend. The restrooms in the RTC Park will remain in operation and open only from dawn to dusk.
- 4) Tree planting in Moton Park with Easton Utilities was successful. 25 trees in a mixture of 5 red oak, 5 maple, 5 london plane, 5 elm and 5 cherry were planted throughout the park. Planting took place October 19, 2016.

- 5) Mrs. Gould requested members of the Park Board go to the various parks in the Town of Easton and advise if they have recommendations for any of the parks or suggestions for locations to plant trees in 2017.
- 6) Mrs. Gould advised that the Town Engineer will mark the site in the RTC Park for the dog park. At this time there have been no contributions made at the Town office. Contribution forms for the dog park and memorial bricks are available on the Town of Easton's web site and at the front counter in Town Hall.
- 7) New fixtures (mirrors, soap dispenser, toilet paper dispensers and hand dryers have been added to the restrooms in Idlewild and Moton Parks. Plan is to paint the restrooms prior to 2017 openings.
- 8) Discussion on basketball surface in Idlewild park. The Town Engineer met with a contractor in Idlewild to get a cost to resurface the surface of the basketball cort. Cost to resurface and add extension beyond the present edges to the surface will cost approximately \$20,000. Mrs. Gould will discuss with Mrs. Cook and try to come up with other options.
- 9) Discussion on thoughts of suggesting the art project on the lacrosse wall at the sports complex it would be more visible. Thought if the project were done on the wall it could be seen. "Home of Talbot Lacrosse" would need to remain on the wall.
- 10) Discussion to consider having a "Park Repair Fund" which would be directed mainly to the use of the athletic fields. Will discuss farther at a later date. May need to send to Mayor and Council as a recommendation. When the fields are torn up by a group (ie having a games in the rain, when the fields are visually soggy with mud) this fund would help with cost of repairs.

Next meeting scheduled November 28, 2016 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Otis Sampson, seconded by Mr. Ken McFadden and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton